

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball Coach Jill Prudden on her many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has some of the best high school coaches in the nation and there is none finer than the highly regarded Jill Prudden, the very successful head coach of the Oak Ridge High School girls' basketball team; and

WHEREAS, her 1996-1997 squad won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Oak Ridge finished their memorable season ranked as the sixth best team in the nation in the prestigious *USA Today* poll; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Wildcats also won District 3-AAA Tournament and the Region 2-AAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the team had an enviable 33-3 record, a winning percentage of .917; and

WHEREAS, this season also marked a very rare hoop accomplishment, her five hundredth victory, placing her among an elite group of coaches nationally; and

WHEREAS, her excellent overall record is 515 victories and only 92 losses, a winning percentage of .848; and

WHEREAS, under her expert guidance, Oak Ridge also won the state championship in 1988 and 1994; and

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WHEREAS, her teams have been to the state finals eight times; and

WHEREAS, in her eighteen years as head coach, Oak Ridge has won fourteen regional championships and fifteen district titles; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize an outstanding coach, who serves as a role model both on the courts and off; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Jill Prudden and wish her well in her future coaching endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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